

## **RESTORATION OF RIGHTS BY STATE**

### **RIGHTS ARE NOT LOST - NO RESTORATION NECESSARY**

MAINE  
MASSACHUSETTS  
UTAH  
VERMONT

### **RIGHTS RESTORED AT COMPLETION OF PRISON/PAROLE**

ALASKA	LOUISIANA	OHIO
ARKANASAS	MICHIGAN	OKLAHOMA
CALIFORNIA	MINNESOTA	OREGON
CONNECTICUT	MISSOURI	RHODE ISLAND
FLORIDA	MONTANA	SOUTH CAROLINA
GEORGIA	NEBRASKA	SOUTH DAKOTA
HAWAII	NEW HAMPSHIRE	TENNESSEE
IDAHO	NEW JERSEY	WEST VIRGINIA
ILLINOIS	NEW YORK	WISCONSIN
INDIANA	NORTH CAROLINA	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
KANSAS	NORTH DAKOTA	

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

PENNSYLVANIA - RESTORED FIVE YEARS AFTER PRISON/PAROLE

TEXAS - RESTORED TWO YEARS AFTER PRISON/PAROLE

### **RIGHTS LOST FOR LIFE - MUST BE RESTORED**

ALABAMA	MISSISSIPPI
ARIZONA	NEVADA
COLORADO	NEW MEXICO
DELAWARE	VIRGINIA
IOWA	WASHINGTON
KENTUCKY	WYOMING
MARYLAND (2 <sup>nd</sup> offense)	



## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS**

TO ALL PERSONS FORMERLY CONVICTED OF FELONIES:

If you have ever been convicted of a felony, in Virginia or elsewhere, you may not vote, hold public office, or serve on a jury in Virginia. Likewise, you have lost the right to serve as a Notary Public in Virginia.

There is only one way to have your voting and other civil rights restored, and that is by an act of the Governor of Virginia.

### ***HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE TO HAVE MY RIGHTS RESTORED?***

You are eligible to petition the Governor of Virginia if you:

- a) have completed all prison or jail terms;
- b) have been free of any suspended sentence, probation or parole for at least five years;
- c) are not currently facing criminal charges in any jurisdiction; and
- d) have paid all court ordered costs, fines, and/or restitutions.

If you do not know your status with respect to a suspended sentence, fine, or court cost, consult the clerk of the court in which you were convicted.

### ***ONCE I KNOW THAT I AM ELIGIBLE TO PETITION THE GOVERNOR FOR THE RESTORATION OF MY CIVIL RIGHTS, WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION?***

You may obtain an application for the restoration of your civil rights by contacting either your former probation officer, or the Office of the Secretary of Commonwealth.

For more information regarding the restoration of civil rights, please contact:

Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Attention: Assistant for Clemency  
P.O. Box 2454  
Richmond, VA 23218-2454  
(804) 786-2441